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INCOMPLETE SEARCH			
<p>The Search Division considers that the present application, or one or more of its claims, does/do not comply with the EPC to such an extent that a meaningful search into the state of the art cannot be carried out, or can only be carried out partially, for these claims.</p> <p>Claims searched completely :</p> <p>Claims searched incompletely :</p> <p>Claims not searched :</p> <p>Reason for the limitation of the search: see sheet C</p>			
Place of search		Date of completion of the search	Examiner
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Although claim 22 is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body (Article 52(4) EPC), the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Claim(s) searched completely:
1-20, 23-26

Claim(s) searched incompletely:
22

Claim(s) not searched:
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Reason for the limitation of the search:

Present claim 21 relates to an extremely large number of possible products (kits).

Support within the meaning of Article 84 EPC and disclosure within the meaning of Article 83 EPC is not to be found, however, for the kit claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the claimed scope is impossible, as the kit components are defined in terms of their function and no example is given of such reagents.

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